

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: Workforce Investment Act Younger Youth Program

Workforce System Results
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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUNGER YOUTH PROGRAM

WIA Youth programs under Title I of WIA serve eligible low-income youth between the ages of 14-21 who face barriers to employment, including those who have deficiencies in basic skills or meet one or more of these criteria: homeless, a runaway, pregnant, parenting, an offender, school dropout, or a foster child. The programs also serve youth with disabilities and others who may require additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Diploma or Equivalent Rate:

Of those who register without a diploma or equivalent: the number of younger youth who attained a secondary school diploma or equivalent by the end of Q1 after exit divided by the number of younger youth who exit during the quarter (except those still in secondary school at exit).

Skill Attainment Rate:

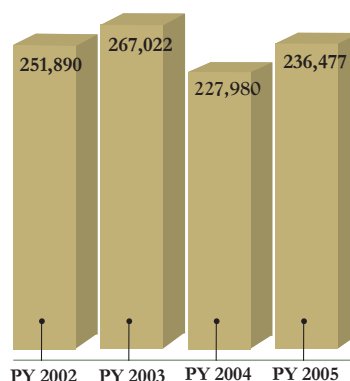
Of all in-school youth and any out-of-school youth assessed to be in need of basic skills, work readiness skills, and/or occupational skills: the total number of basic skills goals, work readiness skills goals, plus occupational skills goals attained by younger youth divided by the total number goals set.

Retention Rate:

The number of younger youth engaged in one of five target activities in Q3 following exit, divided by the number of younger youth who exit during the quarter (except those still in secondary school at exit). The target activities are: postsecondary education, advanced training, employment, military service, or qualified apprenticeships.

In the second quarter of PY2005, 236,477 younger youth received services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program. While participation in the second quarter was up somewhat over PY2004, the number of younger youth served continues to remain below the previous two years. The chart below depicts the number of younger youth served in the second quarter in each of the past four years.

People Served by Younger Youth Program Q2 PY 2002-2005



This was the second quarter that the WIA Younger Youth Program has operated under the system of common performance measures. In this quarter, the rate of diploma attainment slipped slightly so that the cumulative results are now one percentage point below the 53 percent annual goal. With most high school diplomas attained in the fourth quarter of any program year, it appears likely that the annual goal will be achieved.

In addition, the WIA youth program has begun the collection of additional youth common measures and has two quarters of baseline data collected for both the “placement in employment and education” measure as well as the “attainment of a degree or certificate” measure. Annual goals for these youth measures will be established once all of the baseline data has been collected.

WIA Younger Youth Services	PY 2005 Annual Goals	Second Quarter Results (10/1/05-12/31/05)	Cumulative Two Quarter Results
Diploma Attainment	53%	49%	52%
Skill Attainment	N/A	82%	83%
Retention	N/A	60%	61%